

REPORTS SAY FRENCH RIGHT WING FORGES WAY FORWARD

Paris Announces That Fall of Steinbach in Alsace Has Given France Command of That Zone and Troops Press Steadily On

ARMY IS NOW WITHIN THIRTY MILES OF RHINE

Before Abandoning Steinbach The Germans Made Strenuous Effort to Stem Defeat and Then Fired the Town and Magazine

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)
LONDON, January 6.—Only on the extreme wings of the opposing armies on the Belgian coast were there any activities yesterday in the western theater, excepting the never-ceasing artillery duels, and the incessant activities of miners and sappers.

An important gain was made by the French troops in Alsace, the French victories in the vicinity of Steinbach giving them command of that neighborhood and field of operations.

FRENCH DRAW NEAR RHINE
Advices from France reported that the French right wing in Alsace has battled its way forward to within less than thirty miles of the Rhine River.

Both the French and German official bulletins today mention fighting east of Steinbach, showing a further advance made by the French right.

The French report that they have captured the village of Creux d'Argent, indicates another thrust into Alsace about fourteen miles west of Colmar.

HOW STEINBACH FELL
Despatches from Thann, in Alsace, report that a desperate rack of three miles up rocky difficulties, between the French and German mountain artillery detachments, determined the capture of Steinbach, and an important victory for the Allies. Steinbach is the gateway to Salm, in Alsace, and commands important arteries of communication.

ARTILLERY SURPRISED
The French surprised the German artillery as they were ascending. The French then took a short cut and there ensued a hot race for the summit. They arrived at commanding positions five minutes ahead of the Germans and had just time enough to unlimber the guns and get into position when the Germans appeared on an open spot, rushing toward the summit.

BATTERY IS ANNIHILATED
Five minutes later the German battery was annihilated. The possession of this point enabled the French to send reinforcements across the River Thur and closely invest Steinbach.

The Germans holding Steinbach bravely refused to surrender. The commander sent back words, in response to the notification of the French commander, that "the Emperor's troops do not know how to surrender."

A terrific bombardment of the town by the French immediately followed. A struggle followed the bombardment, the fighting being so close and deadly that each house became a small fortress and each ally held an ambush for the attack.

TOWN PRACTICALLY DESTROYED
The Germans set the town afire. The flames got beyond their control and the shifting wind drove sparks into the ammunition depot. A terrific explosion shook the whole town and shattered the last German resistance. The possession of Steinbach by the French is now complete and the neighborhood is untenable for the Germans.

GERMANS WIN NEAR ARRAS
The day's events are described in the official Berlin announcement as follows:

"Near Arras we have captured 200 yards of French trenches. The French counter-attack failed."

"The French attack between Steinbach and Uffholtz has been repulsed. Uffholtz is two miles east of Steinbach."

The Paris announcement, claiming gains at all points, says that:

"Despite the mud and hard traveling, particularly for artillery, we have advanced toward Nieuport and from St. George between 200 and 500 yards, occupying houses and capturing some trenches."

TRENCH-SAPPING STOPPED
Between the rivers Oise and Lys

BUDGET OF THE NEW SUPERVISORS IS READY FOR ACTION OF BOARD

While No Radical Changes Are Made, Appropriations Show Alertness For Economy

(From Wednesday Advertiser.)
Herewith is the budget of the new board of supervisors. This budget will be introduced at a meeting of the board tonight, and no doubt passed upon first reading. While it makes no radical change in the present appropriations, the measures show the new officials are in the alert to economize. Several items are done away with entirely, and others are materially reduced.

As forecasted by The Advertiser, the maintenance fund of the police and fire departments are increased. The payroll of the fire department for the next six months may be \$100,000 a month, in place of \$45,000. This makes it possible for an additional fireman and two hosemen to be employed. The police department will get \$10,340 in place of \$8,000, the understanding being it shall increase the patrol in resident districts.

Decreases and Increases
The allowance for engineering and surveying is cut to \$10,750 a month. Up to this time it has been \$12,000. Two fire inspectors are provided for at a combined salary of \$170 a month. Total expenses are increased from \$7500 to \$9,000 for the six months. The salary fund for the electric light department is boosted to \$400 a month, from \$300; but the maintenance fund is cut down from \$1000 a month to \$775. An extra payroll of \$250 is allowed.

The meat and food inspectors' payroll is increased from \$190 to \$275. The fund for maintenance of water works is given \$4,000 a month, against \$2,900, and the Salvation Army home of Mauna is allowed an unreported donation of \$200. An equal amount was set aside for the bank examiner, and \$2,500 for premiums on bonds.

A position of publicity man, clerk to the committee of supervisors and purchasing agent is created, the salary for it fixed at \$125. Landl Home is given \$675 a month, for which it is to care for indigent patients.

Details of the Budget
The following is the budget:

	Per Month.	Six Months.
Salaries, fixed by law	\$5,830	\$34,980
Advertising, not pro rated		1,700
Associated Charities, not pro rated		400
Attorney, deputies and office employees	715	4,290
Attorney, ex parte, civil and criminal cases, not pro rated		500
Attorney, material and supplies	75	450
Auditor, deputy and office employees	355	2,130
Auditor, material and supplies	100	600
Building and plumbing inspector, payroll	275	1,650
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Burial of indigent dead, not pro rated		1,200
City and county physician, payroll	225	1,350
City and county physician, medicine, not pro rated		180
Clerk, deputy and office employees	570	3,420
Clerk, material and supplies	50	300
Clerk to board of supervisors	125	750
Collection and disposal of garbage	2,000	12,000
Commissioners of insanity, not pro rated		300
Court expenses, first circuit court, not pro rated		7,250
District courts, employees	375	2,250
District Court, material and supplies	50	300
District magistrate, second, not pro rated		150
Donation, Hawaii Promotion committee	250	1,500
Care Lehigh Home patients	675	4,050
Engineering and survey work, payroll	1,075	6,450
Engineering and survey work, material and supplies	150	900
Fish inspectors, salaries	170	1,020
Honolulu civil service commission, not pro rated		300
Honolulu civil service commission, incidental, not pro rated		100
Hospital expenses (including Maternity)		

our mortars, and hand grenade work have completely stopped the enemy's trench-sapping.

"Near Lille the Germans mined and captured a trench. Our counter-attack recaptured it. Artillery engagements continue along the remainder of the front."

"We have captured the hamlet of Creux d'Argent and maintained all our other gains."

BEWARE OF COLDS.
Children are much more likely to contract the contagious diseases when they have colds. Whooping cough, diphtheria, scarlet fever and consumption are diseases that are often contracted when the child has a cold. That is why all medicinal authorities say beware of colds. For the quick cure of colds you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers, Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., Agents for Hawaii.

SUPERVISORIAL COMMITTEES.
The following is the official list of supervisorial standing committees, as presented to the new board by Mayor Lane yesterday morning and received by the supervisors without comment:

On Ways and Means—Daniel Logan (chairman), Ben Hollinger and Robert Horner.

On Public Expenditures—Ben Hollinger (chairman), Daniel Logan and James G. Quinn.

On Roads, Bridges, Parks and Public Improvements—James G. Quinn (chairman), Charles N. Arnold and William Ahia.

On Police Department—Robert Horner (chairman), William Ahia and William Larsen.

On Fire Department, Electric Lights and Police and Fire Alarm System—Charles N. Arnold (chairman), Ben Hollinger and William Larsen.

On Sanitation and Health—William Ahia (chairman), James G. Quinn and Daniel Logan.

On Water and Sewer Works—William Larsen (chairman), Robert Horner and Charles N. Arnold.

AUSTRIANS ARE CLAIMED TO BE PERISHING IN PASS OF UZSOK

Shattered Army Retreating Into Hungary Teils Desperately Through Snow Before Russian Pursuit—Abandon Equipment

LARGE NUMBER OF TROOPERS 'DROP OUT FROM EXHAUSTION'

Men Are Famished, Frozen and Overcome, Many Dying Where They Fall, While Others Surrender Without Any Resistance

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)
LONDON, January 6.—The Austrian army which is in retreat through the Uzsok Pass into Hungary, reported to be in desperate straits. The upper sections of the pass are blocked with the deep snow, which is heavily falling still and hourly adding to the depth upon the roads, and through this the troops are toiling. On flank and rear the pursuing Russians are harrying them, capturing stragglers and taking guns and supply wagons, abandoned in the heavy drifts.

AUSTRIANS DIE IN STORM
A large number of the Austrian troops are dropping out of the retreat exhausted, and those, if not speedily captured by the Russians, freeze and are buried by the storm.

The Post is in receipt of advices from Budapest, describing the terrible sufferings of the Austro-Hungarian troops in the Carpathians. The men are famished, frozen and exhausted, according to this information, and are obliged to surrender to the Russians in large numbers without resistance because of their inability to continue the struggle. It is asserted that the Austrian government is seriously considering the withdrawal of these troops, and that they may have to be sent home.

RUSSIANS HOLD OIL FIELDS
The recent victories of the Russians give them possession of the valuable oil fields of Galicia, from which source both the Austrian and German armies have been securing the greater part of the gasoline they have been using. The capture of the oil wells will be a serious blow to Germany as well as to Austria.

The advance in the Austrian Crown Province of Bukovina has reached the important town of Suczawa, which commands the Bukovina-Romanian railroad. This town is almost at the extreme southeast corner of Bukovina and is within a mile of the border.

ROMANIA RUMBLING WITH WAR
Correspondents in the eastern theater of war emphasize the importance of the Russian advance in Bukovina, where the Austrian resistance is now very feeble. They say that the Russian successes and those of the Serbians have augmented the feeling in Romania favoring the participation of that country in the war.

The latest Petrograd reports say that the Germans are still making intermittent assaults without success on the Baya-Rawka line, and that while German offensive is blocked the Russians are again advancing on Cracow.

Berlin reported yesterday that the eastern situation was unchanged, bad roads and severe weather hampering the movements of the troops.

KAISER AND STAFF TO EAT WAR BREAD
(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)
BERLIN, January 6.—Kaiser Wilhelm has issued an order that "war bread" consisting of 85 per cent rye flour and the remainder potato cakes, be served to himself and his staff. The public has not been readily buying this war bread and it is thought the imperial example will stimulate the public to economize in foodstuffs and eat the war food.

The \$20,000 damage suit of M. A. Martin against A. A. Wilson, for damages alleged to have been incurred during some road building in Miami some months ago, was set for trial by Judge Stuart yesterday to begin January 25, before a jury.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. FARM MEDICINE CO., ST. LOUIS, U.S.A.

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RUSSIANS BREAK FORCE OF GREAT TURCO INVASION
Three Columns Of Ottomans Which Crossed Armenian Border Routed and in Retreat
(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)
ETROGRAD, January 6.—Official statements issued here last night indicate the complete failure of the plans mastered by Field Marshal von der Goltz for the invasion of Russia's southernmost province by the German-led Turkish army corps operating from Armenia.

Of the three columns which crossed the Transcaucasian border in a general invasion last week, two are hopelessly defeated and are in full retreat, while the third is being harassed in its advance until a defending force can be thrown against it.

The immediate retreat of this third column, in view of the facts that has met the other two, is expected.

ARDAHAN VICTORS ROUTED
The army which has suffered its worst defeat, according to the official dispatches, is that which victoriously occupied the city of Ardahan last Friday, after a severe engagement. This column has now been driven back from the trenches it had taken, with its regiments decimated and thousands of its men and much of its munitions already lost.

This column is now retreating in the direction of Kars, a strongly fortified army post, being almost surrounded and having its direct line of retreat cut off. Already one entire army corps, which had been cut off from its supports, has surrendered.

RUSSIANS PURSUE TURKS
The latest official announcement says: "Our troops are pursuing the Turks, who are retreating in all directions."

"There are no modifications in the situation on other fronts."

The official estimate of the Turkish forces which had entered Russia gives the number at 350,000, including many of the best regiments of the Porte, and comprising the bulk of the available troops in Asia Minor. The forces in and around Constantinople are estimated at 250,000.

GEIER RUNWAYS ARE FREED CONDITIONALLY
SAN FRANCISCO, January 6.—The case of the officers and seamen of the German gunboat Geier, interned at Honolulu, who left that city and came here without authority, has just been disposed of by the secretary of the navy. Lieutenants Sauerbeck and Fretzel and Seaman Streibel and Pasenich were arrested upon their arrival here and placed aboard a naval vessel. Secretary Daniels has ordered their release, and they may go free, conditionally upon reporting, once a month by mail or otherwise to Rear Admiral Pond, until the termination of the war.

BANDITS USE WOMEN HOSTAGES AS SHIELDS
(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)
ROCKFORD, Illinois, January 6.—Two armed bandits are at bay in a summer cottage here surrounded by a sheriff's posse. They hold two women housekeepers as hostages and threaten to shoot them if the sheriff's party makes an attack or any attempt to effect their capture.

JOHNSON INAUGURATED FOR HIS SECOND TERM
(Associated Press by Federal Wireles.)
SACRAMENTO, January 6.—Governor Hiram W. Johnson, who was re-elected in November on the Progressive ticket by an overwhelming majority, was inaugurated here yesterday.

Of Local Interest
Some People We Know, and We Will Profit by Hearing About Them. This is a purely local event. It took place in Honolulu. Not in some faraway place. You are asked to investigate it. Asked to believe a citizen's word; To confirm a citizen's statement. Any article that is endorsed at home is worthy of confidence.

James C. L. Armstrong, Nuanuu Valley, Honolulu, Hawaii, says: "I was a sufferer from kidney trouble for three years and Dr. Doan's Backache Kidney Pills completely cured me. I have had no return attack of the complaint during the past year. I cannot recommend this remedy too highly."

Doan's Backache Kidney Pills are sold by all druggists and storefronts at 50 cents per box (six boxes \$2.50), or will be mailed on receipt of price by the Hollister Drug Co., Honolulu, whole-sale agents for the Hawaiian Islands.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no substitute.

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VILLA-ZAPATA ARMY ROUTED BY CARRANZA IN A HOT FRAY
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CITY OF PUEBLA SCENE OF BLOODY ENCOUNTER
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PUEBLA FILLED WITH DEAD
Puebla, which is seventy-six miles southeast of the capital, was held by a combined force of Villa-Zapata followers, whose numbers are estimated at 15,000. The indications that night were that a majority of these troops were either killed or are prisoners. The exact number of dead could not be ascertained at a late hour, as the city was filled with bodies.

ENEMY IS MOVED DOWN
General Obregon invested Puebla with his army and began a furious bombardment, which lasted six hours. He had ninety-two pieces of artillery. After the defense had been broken down by this shell fire, the infantry and cavalry troops attacked the defenders, who held out strongly until the last. The battle ended when Obregon sent machine guns into the city to sweep the streets, and the enemy was moved down by hundreds and all resistance came to an end.

CASUALTIES WERE ENORMOUS
All communication with Puebla was cut off until late last night. When it was resumed the reports received here said that the streets and plazas were clogged with dead and wounded defenders, who had been brought down mainly by the machine gun fire. For a space of twelve miles outside the city, where the defenders had endeavored to hold outlying positions, and where the remnants retreated, the country was strewn with dead and wounded soldiers.

GUTIERREZ ABANDONS NAGO
WASHINGTON, January 6.—The Gutierrez government has officially notified the state department that orders have been transmitted to General Maytorena to make no further attacks upon the border town of Nago, held by the Carranzistas, and to withdraw his troops pending a closer study of the military and political aspect of the situation.

Hawaii Merchants Will Benefit Considerably In Sight Drafts On Eastern Business
HAWAII is to receive an immediate and direct benefit from the new banking system inaugurated in the United States. For years past there has been a differential in rates of exchange between the Eastern states and the Pacific coast. As a result of the completion of the new banking laws this differential has now been reduced to a point where it is practically negligible.

E. I. Spalding, president of the Bank of Honolulu, and L. T. Pock, cashier of the First National Bank of Hawaii, both stated yesterday that the result would be the lowering of the exchange rate for eight drafts on all Western points about twenty-five per cent, a change distinctly to the advantage of local merchants.

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